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Balboa opens doors of new career transition center

BY PFC. ALICIA SMALL
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Injured, retired and active duty service members and civilians in the local area in San Diego attended the grand opening of the Balboa Career Transition Center June 28 at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

The center was developed to help those separating from the military to further their education and find rewarding careers. With this program, patients can get assistance before departing the armed forces.

It is the first of its kind in that it was funded and backed by three major contributing organizations, each concerned with providing the best service possible to ease the transition back into civilian life and relieve some of the stress of exiting the military.

There have been similar systems in place in the past for members of the armed forces. However, the Career Transition Center is the first tri-service agency with the approval of the Department of Defense, said Karen Roxburgh, special projects manager for the hospital.

Veteran's Affairs, California State Director Veteran's Employment Training Services, U.S. Department of Labor and the Employment Development Department of the State of California have joined together to make this center possible.

"A great deal of cooperation and a large amount of coordination went into the planning of the program," said Lily Fetzer, Department VA Director. "It is great whenever a lot of separate resources are brought together

to help make the transition easier for someone who is already going through a rough time."

The formulation of the program started in November 2005. After seven months of hard work and planning, the coordinators were able to reach agreements, obtain the office space, build the center and begin providing services.

This system assists patients to make early connections with state employment representatives of the VA and aids in the search for profitable jobs. It also provides contact with college advisors and is a great opportunity to build experience and add to a resume, said Dr. Amos Martinez, director of the education and vocational rehabilitation department of the VA.

Cpl. Michael Kennedy, an injured Marine at the hospital who is considering the program, said he thought the center was very important to patients' futures.

"I believe the center will prove to be extremely valuable, said Matthew Payton, a patient at the hospital. "It is hard when you have your mind stuck on how to advance in the military and you find out you can't stay in. This center offers a way to get back into the real world."

The center is important to many people and will play a significant role in countless service members' lives. It will provide them with essential components needed to continue living but with a more productive future.

"It's not about the center, but about the people at the center. We need to always remember them, their families and the service they gave to the country," said Martinez.



Company D recruits learn weapons conditions of the M-249 squad automatic weapon at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron

Recruits to begin learning SAW, AT-4

BY LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN
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The depot integrated squad automatic weapons and AT-4 rocket launchers into recruit training for the first time since 1996 on June 26 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The change was made to provide instructors at the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, with an opportunity to teach more advanced skills to newly-minted Marines, said Maj. Robert B. Robinson, executive officer, Field Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion.

All weapons training is now done in fire teams. Fire teams consist of a group of four recruits that work together during the exercises.

This way, recruits learn as they manipulate the weapons themselves and recap while watching the members in their fire team practice operating the arms, Robinson added.

The recruits are then subjected to a practical evaluation on how to load, show weapon conditions and execute immediate action.

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Cpl. Michael Kennedy talks to a news crew at the new Career Transition Center. Staff Sgt. Jeff Janowiec/Chevron



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Changing the training schedule meant switching days around to make the program work.
Field week, instead of starting on a Monday and ending on Friday, now starts on the Saturday prior and extends into the Monday and Tuesday of crucible week. This adds 30 to 40 hours of training.
“We learn a lot,” said recruit Davin D. Sarda-Nelson, Platoon 1001, Company D. “We practice different firing positions, how to fire and how to break down and reassemble the weapons.”

Timing was crucial in determining the effectiveness of the program.
The project was started in June to avoid the summer overload of recruits, said Robinson. In doing so, all the kinks will be worked out before the larger companies arrive in the beginning of August.
The first live-fire event is scheduled for July 24, said Robinson. Recruits will fire six AT-4 tracer-trainer rounds at targets placed at 100, 200 and 300 yards. They will fire 20 rounds from the SAW at falling targets ranging from 100 to 300 yards, said Robinson.
Every year approximately 25,500 non-infantry Marines complete boot camp and



Company D Recruits practice assembling a squad automatic weapon June 26.

never train with the SAW. Often times, a Marine will report to his first duty station only six weeks before going to war, said Robinson. He will have missed the majority of the unit’s pre-deployment package.
This change will allow new Marines more “tools in the tool bag” to go to war with, said Robinson.
Outside of the time, effort and discipline already instilled upon each recruit,

knowledge and comprehension of the data learned is what makes the difference in the war being fought today, according to Robinson
The training schedule will remain as is from now on to improve the Marine Corps. With extensive knowledge of the weapons provided to them, Marines will be more combat-effective and beneficial to the Marines by their sides.



Company D recruit Jason Clark sights in on a squad automatic weapon, a new weapon learned in boot camp. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron photos

Marine Security Guards visit depot

By LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN
Chevron staff

Marine Security Guards are specialized individuals whose job it is to safeguard classified material and protect personnel and government property both in the U.S. and in 127 countries.
Representatives from Marine Security Guard Battalion, Quantico, Va., presented the benefits and opportunities MSG has to offer Marines who were stationed on the depot June 23.
Apart from the monetary benefits, such as special duty pay and clothing allowance, MSG Marines share a detachment gym, cook, driver and vehicle. Along with these benefits, Marines are given the opportunity to excel educationally.
“There is plenty of time for academic studies,” said Gunnery Sgt. Drew D. Pate, MSG recruiter and screener.
He said college classes, online correspondence courses and tuition assistance are made available at most MSG

duty stations.
While all the benefits may sound appealing, the requirements for each applicant is not as simple as those for other military occupational specialties, said Pate.
As an applicant, a Marine must be able to obtain a top secret clearance and meet the Marine Corps’ body composition standards. This standard requires them to be both height and weight proportional.
“Top secret clearances require an extensive background check, which may go as far as talking with your kindergarten teacher,” said Pate.
Applicants may not have excessive or distasteful tattoos, and a General Technical score of 90 on the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery Test is required.
During the rigorous training, Marines learn such things as pressure point control tactics, hand cuffing and firearm techniques. They then have the chance to visit and train at Hogan’s Alley, located

at the FBI academy.
This environment is a realistic, urban practical problem training area designed to provide safety and survival training, according to www.fbi.gov.
“The challenging, hands-on environment will set you up for success,” Pate said.
During their tour, MSG Marines have the opportunity to serve with other government agencies such as the CIA, FBI and Drug Enforcement Agency.
MSG duty reaches out to Marines for different reasons. Depending on what a service member is looking for, Marines may join for different benefits.
The opportunity of travel, education and experience are a few reasons offered by Cpl. Jeffrey Tang, Traffic Maintenance Office, Service Company. He said he was motivated to take on the challenge of becoming a Marine Security Guard.
To learn more about MSG duty, Marines can contact their career planner or visit the Marine Security Guard Web site at www.msgbn.usmc.mil.

BRIEFS

Sunset Concert

Brigadier Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, will host a sunset concert by Marine Band San Diego tomorrow at Pendleton Hall (Bldg. 31) at 7 p.m. This year’s musical program is a diverse celebration of musical scores from famous Hollywood blockbusters. Military and civilian personnel and their families are invited to attend.

Health expo

A health expo is scheduled to take place July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fitness center. Feel great to be alive and feel great getting a free massage. Hone your skills at rock climbing, learn about yoga and nutrition. There will be free giveaways and interactive booths. Enjoy the sun and an afternoon out-of-the office!
For more information, call (619) 524-4427.

HRO positions available

The Depot’s Civil Service Human Resources Office is currently recruiting for several positions. To be considered, applicants must be within the area of consideration and have their resume in the HRSC-SW “CHARTS” system for the series. The following link will guide applicants in submitting their resume: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil/jobs/default.asp>
All positions are permanent unless otherwise specified.

Lost and found

The Provost Marshal’s Office Crime Prevention Unit has a large quantity of lost and found articles that have remained unclaimed for a period of more than 45 days. These items will be disposed of if the owners are not located. If you have recently misplaced any property, please contact Sgt. Shad L. Begley at (619) 524-4128.

Motorcycle safety checks

In order to enhance depot safety and to ensure motorcycle operators have completed the required Motorcycle Safety Course, military police here are now conducting random checks for Motorcycle Safety Cards of drivers stationed aboard the depot.
Motorcycle operators stationed aboard the depot must have their issued cards in possession. Operators no longer in possession of the safety card can contact the Provost Marshall’s Office at (619) 524-4200 for assistance in getting a replacement card.

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Let God provide mental, physical, spiritual well-being

BY NAVY LT. F. P. MUNOZ
Chaplain

Our Public Health Department says that only six percent of the American public has optimum health. That leaves the majority of us out.
As a younger man, I served as a Navy hospital corpsman. I learned about taking care of wounded, broken and sick Marines. However, I saw only one aspect of the healing profession.
It was not until I was working as a hospital chaplain that I saw a more holistic approach to health, where the emotional and spiritual needs of

the patients were attended to as part of the physical healing.
I learned that treatment of disease is incomplete if it is confined to diagnosis and administering medicine. When the patients’ own resources and capacities are fully engaged the healing process is complete and our bodies are barometers for our inner life: our thoughts, our fears our resentments our hopes and our joys. Therefore what is going on in our spirits has a profound effect on us physically.
The need for healing is great, and when people witness it for themselves, it is a powerful testimony. I have a tenacious belief in the healing power of God to transform us physically, spiritually and

emotionally. It begins this way: love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love with your total self, and love all members of the human family.
Physical healing often must be seen as a byproduct of a deeper healing. Health isn’t the absence of sickness but the presence of mental, spiritual and physical well-being. That is the way God made us. This brings health and wholeness.
I believe that through the power of God all can be healed, united and made whole. We can be open to this power; we can be aligned with this power; we can be in tune with it, and miracles can happen.

The Devil Dogs of Belleau Wood

BY JOANNA M. McDONALD
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“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation,” said President George Washington.
June 6 was a significant date in military history, not just on one occasion, but on two. On this date two military campaigns began twenty-six years apart, as young Americans fought on French soil to help rid Europe of Germany’s tyranny. This is the account of a few young men who helped changed the course of world history.
World War I began in 1914. Europe was thrown into catastrophic, trench-warfare. European commanders threw millions of young men into battle. For three years President Woodrow Wilson vowed to keep America out of the maelstrom, but by several political and military antagonistic measures, Germany forced Wilson to ask Congress on April 6, 1917, to declare war against imperial Germany.
By July 3, 1917, the first wave of the American Expeditionary Force landed in France, and on June 1, 1918, the 4th Marine Brigade, 5th and 6th Marines of the 2nd Army Division were deployed just southeast of the Belleau Wood near the village of Lucy-le-Bocage. The French, demoralized and exhausted, advised the Marines to retreat. Marine Capt. Lloyd Williams, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, replied, “Retreat? Hell! We just got here!”

On June 4, the Germans attacked the American line near Les Mares Farm. When they got within 100 yards of the 55th Company, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, they were shot down in hundreds by perfectly aimed rifle fire. The German soldiers gave the Marines a nickname that stuck: Teufelhunde or Devil Dogs. Lt. Lemuel Shepherd, 55th Company, got shot through the neck. He survived to become the Marine Corps 20th commandant in 1952, according to www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil/history.
The main assaults began June 6, when 1st Bn., 5th Marines, advanced toward Hill 142, which was previously held by the Germans and overlooked the woods. The German maxim machine-guns immediately opened fire on the Marines. Their 400 to 500-round rate of fire and 2,200 yard range devastated the 1st Bn. The survivors quickly hit the dirt when the guns opened up. Capt. George Hamilton, a young athletic Marine, knew his men had to continue the assault or be cut down. Hamilton rushed from man to man, urging them to get up. With a dash, Hamilton and his ragged 49th Company charged headlong into the woods on

Hill 142.
Their fighting blood was up, and they dispatched the German machine-gunners with their bayonets. Gunnery Sgt. Charles Hoffman and several other Marines observed 12 German soldiers beginning to set up five machine guns. Hoffman quickly reacted, grabbed his rifle with fixed bayonet, and rushed them. He plunged his bayonet into the first enemy soldier, ripped it out of the lifeless body, and then quickly dispatched the next German with his bayonet. By then Hoffman’s fellow Marines hit the other German soldiers and a hand-to-hand battle ensued. Hoffman was wounded in the shoulder and arm during the mêlée but survived. Hoffman earned the Medal of Honor for his actions that day.
The three-hour vicious battle for Hill 142 drove the Germans back, but the Marines fought off numerous counter-attacks. Twelve hours later, battalions of the 5th and 6th Marines assaulted Belleau Wood from the south and west and attempted to capture the town of Bouresches to the east of the woods. The attack against the woods proper went grimly. Crossing a wheat field where the Marines were exposed to heavy machine-gun fire, it was reported that Gunnery Sgt. Dan Daly, 79th Company, 6th Marines, yelled to his men, “Come on, you sons of bitches, do you want to live forever?” The German machine-gun, however, thwarted their efforts, and the men dove for cover.

Brigade orders were amended and 2nd Bn., 6th Marines attacked Bouresches, a small nearby village to the wood. Capt. Donald Duncan’s 96th Company led the way along with future 19th Marine Corps Commandant 2nd Lt. Clifton Cates. Lead elements of the company made it into the village and were reinforced by Capt. Randolph Zane’s 79th Company. Duncan was shot in the stomach. Navy Dental Service Officer Lt. J.G. Weeden C. Osborne, along with a corpsman, ran out to carry Duncan to safety. An artillery shell exploded near the group killing Duncan, Osborne and the corpsman. Osborne received the Medal of Honor, and today there is a street in the village of Bouresches named for him.
With only 30 Marines, Cates took the town from two different sides and neutralized the German position. In the ensuing attack, Cates occupied Bouresches with only 21 Marines. The battle for Belleau Wood would continue for 26 more days, but in the end the Marine telegram to the commanders read, “Woods now entirely U.S. Marine Corps.”
In future battles of World War I, many times the generals sent the Marines in as the spearhead of America’s might. Honor, courage, and commitment banded these men together.

New TRICARE OB ultrasound policy in full effect now

BY MARK JECKER
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Although taking an ultrasound peek to satisfy curiosity over whether it’s a boy or a girl isn’t covered by TRICARE, a new policy change expands the types of diagnosis to include a greater variety of clinical circumstances than before.
TRICARE’s new policy for OB ultrasounds, which took effect April 1, allows for additional “medically necessary” reasons, based on the provider’s documented diagnosis. Additional justifications for an ultrasound covered under the new policy are:
• estimating gestational age
• evaluating fetal growth
• fetal well-being, including cardiac activity
• evaluating a suspected ectopic pregnancy
• vaginal bleeding during pregnancy
• diagnosing or evaluating multiple gestations
• evaluating maternal pelvic masses or uterine abnormalities
• evaluating a suspected hydatidiform mole
Previously, TRICARE benefits covered only obstetric ultrasounds, also known as sonograms, that were required to diagnose and manage high-risk pregnancies, and those conditions are still covered.

They include multiple fetuses, a history of two or more spontaneous abortions, shortage or excess of amniotic fluid, potential genetic disorders, advanced maternal age (over 35), fetal infections, fetus affected by maternal conditions unrelated to pregnancy, short gestation and low birth weight, long gestation and high birth weight, and a prior cesarean section.
OB ultrasounds that are not medically necessary are not covered by TRICARE. These include those performed for purposes of screening, routine evaluations, or to determine the gender of the unborn baby.
If you are unsure whether your OB ultrasound meets the above requirements, call (888) TRIWEST (888) 874-9378 for assistance.

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Cpl. Jeffery Colon, Finance, hits a ground out to the shortstop during the championship game June 28. *Ptc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



Staff Sgt. Shane A. Sehi, 3rd Battalion, stretches from first base to catch an errant throw. *Ptc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



In celebration the winner of the Commanding General's Cup softball championship, Finance holds its trophy in the air. *Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron*

Finance wins!

Take that to the bank

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

The depot's Commanding General's Cup softball championships concluded with a Finance victory on the depot's softball field June 28.

The undefeated Finance team finished the championships with a 12-0 record defeating Recruit Training Regiment's 3rd Battalion, who was also undefeated.

In the top of the first inning, 3rd Bn. scored two runs off a line drive to left field and dropped ball errors by the third baseman and catcher.

During the bottom of the first, Sgt. Lynden D. Gwartney, Finance's third baseman, hit a line drive to get on base. Cpl. Jeffery Colon, Finance's shortstop, followed with an inside-the-park home run that brought Gwartney in to score. Sgt. Reuben J. Flores, Finance's left fielder, also came in that inning, making the score 3-2.

Trying to stay alive, 3rd Bn. scored another run in the top of the second, temporarily tying the game.

"We made a lot of errors on defense," said Lance Cpl. Jason L. Silva, 3rd Bn.'s left center fielder.

Capt. Robert D. Wolfe, Finance's first baseman, hit a ball far back in center field that sparked six more runs in the bottom of the second inning.

"These guys make it look easy," said Finance's Staff Sgt. Randall Borland, travel staff non-commissioned officer in charge.

Finance scored three more runs in the third and fourth innings and shut out 3rd Bn., bringing the score to 12-3.

In the top of the fifth, 3rd Bn. gained three more runs, but Finance finished the game an inning early, due to the mercy rule, when it scored six more runs, making the score a commanding 18-6.

"It was basically a combination of good athletes who happen to be good hitters, play great defense and have outstanding team chemistry," said Gunnery Sgt. Gary E. Hernandez, Finance's coach. "We hope that everyone sticks around so we can do it again next year."

Third place went to 12th District. They defeated the Provost Marshall's Office team 9-8.

The next CG's Cup event will be the flag football season. For more information call Rachel Dickinson at (619) 524-0548.



Cpl. Jeffery Colon, Finance, misses the tag on Lance Cpl. Nathaniel L. Jordan, Provost Marshall's Office, during the second game of the day. *Ptc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

Maj. Ronald G. Capes, Provost Marshall's Office, pitches to 12th Marine Corps District in the game for the 3rd place. *Ptc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

Bravo Brothers brave boot camp

BY PFC. ALICIA SMALL
Chevron staff

After surviving together on the streets of Seattle, two brothers from Company B helped each other overcome the hardships of boot camp.

Privates Shawn W. Caskey, 20, and Jeremy A. Caskey, 17, Platoon 1094, had been close growing up, despite sibling rivalry and a list of family problems mostly dealing with money.

The family had a foreclosure on their house, which caused them to be homeless for a lengthy period of time. Along with the rest of the family, both brothers learned how hard the real world could be as they lived in a van until recently.

Hunger and lack of sleep were two things the boys learned to handle on the streets.

“It makes you appreciate things more in life and not take them for granted,” said Shawn. “Being homeless taught me what I could personally go through and how much pressure I could handle.”

The two joined the Marines through the buddy program, which is an option that enables people to leave for boot camp the same day, and were in the Delayed Entry Program for about two months before departing their home town for recruit training.

Shawn worked at a movie theater and wanted to do something different with his life. Having overheard Shawn talk about the Marines, a friend of his, who was in the DEP, told a recruiter of his interest. The recruiter went to the theater and talked to Shawn about what the Marine Corps could offer him. He was thrilled with what he heard of the Corps and was excited to join.

Choosing between the Corps and college was an easy decision for Shawn to make. He said he wanted a challenge and wanted to travel. He said joining the Marines was the best way to obtain those things.

Jeremy wanted a challenge in his life as well, so he de-



Pvts. Jeremy A. Caskey (left) and Shawn W. Caskey, Platoon 1094, Co. B, helped each other through training. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

cided to follow in his brother's footsteps.

The two agreed on joining together. In their eyes there was no greater bond than the one within the Corps.

“The Marine Corps is a hard brotherhood to get into, but it’s worth it because the bond can never be taken away,” said Jeremy.

They scored high enough on the military entrance exam to choose from a number of military occupational specialties, yet infantry was the only one that interested them. They said they wanted to do their patriotic duty and defend the country, and there was no better group to do it with than the Marines.

Recruit training proved difficult in different ways for the brothers, but helping each other and using the lessons learned on the streets made things a little easier to handle.

Jeremy said his biggest problem during training was getting an attitude with the drill instructors. He said he overcame it during the Crucible, which is a test of strength and stamina and the defining moment for all recruits in training, after his loose tongue got him into trouble with his senior drill instructor.

Shawn’s toughest trial was performing close order drill. He said although he struggled at getting the movements perfect, he did improve since first phase.

Challenging them to the highest extent possible was the Crucible. They learned never to give up and that there was always more to give both mentally and physically, even when they were exhausted.

During the Crucible, Jeremy watched his older brother, who was one of the smallest recruits in his platoon, carry the biggest recruit in the platoon for a long distance. Having to witness his brother struggle under the weight of the

other recruit and almost break was hard for Jeremy. He said it was tough to just stand back and not help him.

Important lessons about combat were also learned during the test.

It clarified how real war is and how imperative it is for safety purposes to know the environment and not become complacent, said Jeremy.

“It is very crucial to stay alert to your surroundings,” said Jeremy.

Overcoming the mental aspect of training was the hardest obstacle for both recruits.

“The biggest challenge was learning how to believe in yourself,” said Shawn.

He credited his younger brother as the reason he made it through training. He said Jeremy taught him how to handle life with drill instructors and recruits.

Jeremy said talking to his brother inspired him to continue training when he almost gave up on himself. He says his brother is the only reason he was able to get through it all.

“The best thing the brothers did during boot camp was continuously motivate each other,” said Senior Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Mark A. Sanchez, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion. “They stuck together and made it through.”

The brothers said the Corps has made them better people, and being with each other made them even better. They said they learned and applied the Marine Corps values of honor, courage and commitment and gained a lot of discipline. This made a significant difference to the brothers as it taught them to be more mature and respectful.

There is nothing better than the feeling of being a Marine, said Shawn.

Colonel Henry J. Donigan III

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Colonel Henry J. Donigan III began active service on July 9, 1973 as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in June 1977. After completing The Basic School and the Infantry Officers Course, he was assigned as a platoon leader in 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan.

In March 1979, Donigan reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. where he served as a recruit series commander until September 1980. He was then reassigned as the aide-de-camp to the assistant depot commander.

Donigan was transferred to 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and served as assistant operations officer from March 1982 to January 1983. During this period, he deployed as part of the 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit and served as part of the Multi-national Peacekeeping Force, Beirut, Lebanon. Assuming command of Company E, Bn. Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, he deployed with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit and participated in the U.S. invasion of Grenada in October 1983 and subsequent peacekeeping operations in Lebanon.

From June 1984 to July 1986, Donigan served as executive officer, Company B, Marine Security Guard Battalion, U.S.

Consulate, Casablanca, Morocco. In September 1986, Donigan was assigned as head of Readiness Branch, operations, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

During the summer of 1987 he was temporarily recalled to duty with MSG Bn. and assigned to the U.S. Embassy, Bucharest, Romania. Returning to his duties in Hawaii, Donigan served as readiness officer, G-7, until March 1989.

He was selected for the Foreign Area Officer Program and was sent to the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif. in April 1989, where he studied Arabic. Designated as a Middle East Foreign Area officer, he was transferred to the Defense Attaché Office, U.S. Embassy, Rabat, Morocco in June 1990.

During this assignment, he received orders to join I Marine Expeditionary Force in Saudi Arabia and served as a liaison officer with the Joint Forces Coalition North during Operation Desert Storm. He returned to his former duties in Morocco at the end of the Gulf War until his reassignment in July 1991.

From July 1991 until December 1992, Donigan served as operations officer, 2nd Bn., 2nd Marines, Camp Lejeune. In the spring of 1992, his unit was redesignated BLT 2nd Bn., 2nd Marines (Special Operations Capable) and deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit to the Mediterranean. In July 1992, Donigan was appointed as the commanding officer of troops, USS Iwo Jima, and officer-in-charge, BLT 2nd Bn., 2nd Marines,

Detachment One. The detachment served as the ground combat element in support of humanitarian relief operations in the former Yugoslavia from July to November 1992.

Returning with his unit to Camp Lejeune in November 1992, Donigan served as battalion executive officer until June 1993. After attending the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the School of Advanced Warfighting at the Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va., he was assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was transferred to the 1st Marine Division and assumed command of 3rd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division in May 1997.

The battalion formed as BLT 3rd Bn., 1st Marines, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and deployed to the Persian Gulf from June to December 1998. After relinquishing command in February 1999, Donigan served briefly as the deputy operations officer, 1st Marine Division, prior to his transfer to the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He served as commanding officer, Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji, Japan from July 2001 to July 2003.

Donigan’s final assignment was with the G-3, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton. He deployed with I MEF to Iraq from February to September 2004 and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom II. He returned to Camp Pendleton where he served in operations



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BRAVO COMPANY



Pvt. Robert J. John demonstrates a modified jaw thrust during Company B's first aid test June 30. Recruits must pass the test to graduate from recruit training. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron



Pvt. Gilbert H. Soria clears a recruit's airway. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron

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RUNNING FREE



More than 700 runners start this year's Freedom Run, part of the Marine Corps Community Services race series on the depot. Pfc. Alicia Small/Chevron photos

Depot kicks off Independence Day with 5K fun run

BY PFC. ALICIA SMALL
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More than 700 service members, retirees and civilians competed in this year's depot Freedom Run here June 29.

Brigadier General John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, MCRD San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, kicked off the festivities by beckoning for cheers from the different services and organizations participating in the race. He made a few jokes and started the run by sounding an air horn.

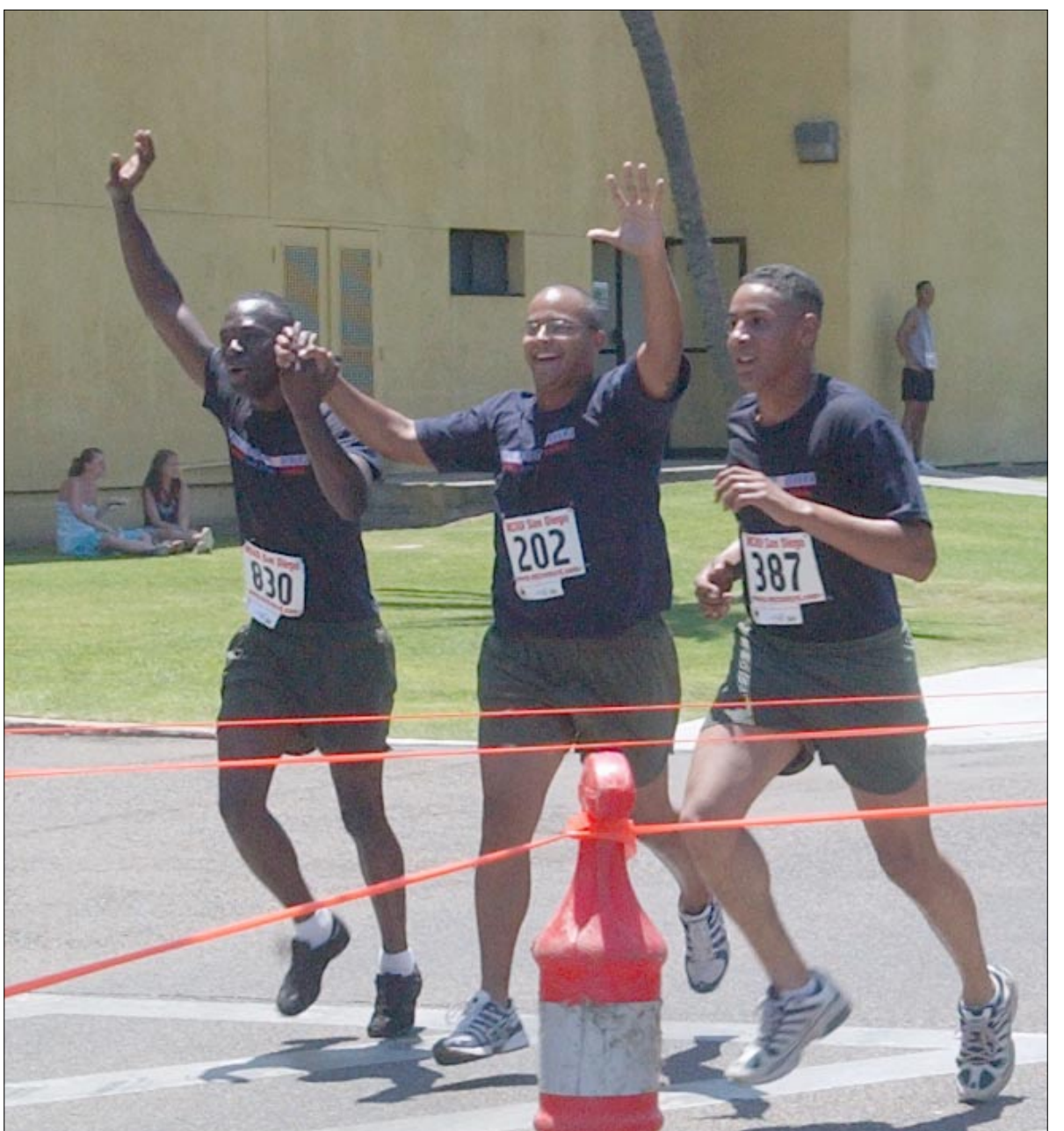
Jeremy Brown won the race with the time of 14:53. Placing a close second and third were Kyle Suarez and Arno Sist. Maritza Gomez was the fastest woman, finishing the race in 19:55. Sin Carrano and Claudia Castro took the second and third positions.

Age groups for the race split every five years from 18 to 49. Other categories include 12 and younger, and 50 and older.

Every first place finisher in each age group received a medal and a \$50 gift certificate to the Marine Corps Exchange. Also, Marines who entered the race were rewarded with points for their units for the annual Commanding General's Cup.

The CG's Cup gives service members aboard the depot a chance to come together throughout the year and compete in a series of sporting events to earn points for their units. Points will determine the winner at the close of the field meet, the Cup's last competition.

Before and after the race, participants enjoyed free food and refreshments while being entertained by a local band. MCCR also raffled off prizes during the event. The next MCCR run, the Turkey Trot, is scheduled for November.



From left to right, Cpls. Fabian Samuels and Jeffery Colon and Pfc. Lucas Hartman finish the race together.